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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 | **6:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by the Finance and Responsible Governance Committee on November 26, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl at 6:30 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Co-Chair – Councillor J. Harris
Co-Chair M. Sachkiw
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
J. Babcock
T. Gardiner
C. Hassey
W. Hay
A. Jones
J. Massie
B. Sergeant
S. Scully-Pratt

Absent: 4 - LCol G. Johnston
L. Palson
J. M. Pigeon
K. Watson

STAFF:
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard

The International Relations Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET/LEGACY FUND UPDATE

Tammie Maynard, Legislative Coordinator provided an update concerning the Committees budget. Jamie Babcock advised that the expenditures related to the Global Perspectives Program will be submitted shortly to the City. Ms. Maynard clarified that the expenditure approved by the Committee at their May 6, 2025 meeting related to the Global Perspectives program should have also included costs associated with Goodbye Party and incidentals.

BARRIE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE

Ciaran Byles-Ho provided an update on the revisions made to the Barrie International Partnership website. The Committee provided their feedback to Mr. Ho and received responses.

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN UPDATE

Stephannie Schlichter, Director of Economic and Creative Development advised that a delegation from Saginaw, Michigan will be visiting the City of Barrie between November 12, 2025, and November 14, 2025. Ms. Schlichter provided an overview of their itinerary. The Committee members provided their feedback to Ms. Schlichter on their availability during the delegations visit.

The Committee discussed costs associated with hosting the delegation from Saginaw, Michigan and agreed to increase to approval of the of the expenditure up to $4,000.00 from $3,000.00 as previously approved at the Committee's meeting on October 2, 2025.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS/GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program, and advised that the Goodbye Party held in October, 2025 went very well.

Jamie Babcock discussed a proposal for a hockey team exchange with Germany and plans to meet with representatives of the Barrie Minor Hockey Association. Mark Sachkiw discussed plans for himself and Jean Maurice to assist with organizing the adult portion of the hockey team exchange.

The Committee asked questions related to the use of City transit for the hockey team. Stephannie Schlicher, Director of Economic and Creative Development will look into it and report back at the next meeting.

ZWEIBRUCKEN, GERMANY UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update of Zweibrucken, Germany twinning relationship.

HARROGATE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning Harrogate, United Kingdom. Mr. Sergeant advised that Harrogate Council has agreed that the day of June 7th will be declared Sir Robert Barrie Day.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw, Co-Chair advised that the government has changed in Japan and that he has been communicating through the Counsel General of Japan in Toronto.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw, Co-Chair provided an update concerning Arras, France, their plans to organize a Fry and Beer Festival, and the potential for an exchange in 2026.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning the Sir Robert Barrie Project. Mr. Sergeant advised that the Barrie and District Stamp Club are scheduled to present their framed collection of historic stamps from the HMCS Barrie K138 at the City Council meeting scheduled for November 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

CHAIRMAN